

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner requires restriction of the application to one of the following Invention Groups:

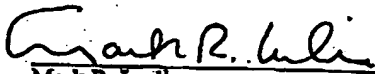
- I. Claims 1-8, 13, 14, 15-23, 40, 47-55, 61, 65-73, drawn to a workpiece guide or a saw with the workpiece guide wherein the workpiece guide has a specific infeed extension, classified in class 83, subclass 477.2.
- II. Claims 1, 9-12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24-28, 40, 47, 48, 56-60, 61, 65, 66, 74-77 and 78, drawn to a workpiece guide or a saw with the workpiece guide wherein the workpiece guide has a clamp, classified in class 83, subclass 438.
- III. Claims 15, 28, 33-39, 40-46 and 60, drawn to a saw with a debris collection system, classified in class 83, subclass 167.
- IV. Claims 15, 28, 29-32, 61-64 and 78, drawn to a saw with a specific rail system, classified in class 144, subclass 425.

The Examiner further indicates that if claim 1, as originally filed, is part of an elected group and determined to be patentable, rejoinder of claims 2-14 will be considered. The Examiner indicated that this situation also would apply for each independent claim with respect to the claims dependent therefrom.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect Invention Group I without traverse. Applicants hereby retain the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the future. Applicants further understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim, as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

Examination of the application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly requested. If the Examiner should have any remaining concerns regarding the present response to the restriction requirement, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be addressed expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,



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